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The Poet's Column.

DO THEY MISS ME AT HOME?

BY TRAVELLER.

I. Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me? 'T would be an assurance most dear To know that my name was forgotten As though I had never been there.

II. To know that the tailor and landlord, And the banks where my paper is due, And hosts whom I now cannot mention, Had banished me quite from their view.

III. Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me, And collectors with lists are pursuing Their debtors by day and by night?

IV. Do the friends who once loaned me a "fifty," And the others who loaned me a "ten," Have a sigh of regret as they miss me, And wish they could see me again?

V. Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me, When no longer I'm seen upon "Change, And do those who were wont to assist me, Say "His conduct's infernally strange?"

VI. Does the Shylock who loaned me his money, To bear me to regions unknown, Look in vain for occasion to do me, And wish I again were at home?

VII. Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me? To know that my name was forgotten As though I had never been there.

VIII. But I know that my memory lingers Around the dear place as I roam, And while I've my wits and my creepers, They'll miss me—they'll miss me at home!

MY FIRST KISS.

BY MISS P. KNOX.

"Nay, ask me not! How could I bring My lips to rest on manhood's brow? A maiden may not lightly fling Her timid nature off; and thou, Creased as thou art, wilt not be true."

What were a kiss of mine to thee? "And thou wouldst think that I had pressed Another cheek as thou wert thine? Should I allow my lips to rest (Even lightly as on hallowed shrine The trembling lips of devotee) On thine as pledge of love to thee?"

But then some words of gentle sound Were whispered to the maiden's heart: She could not bear his love to wound— The hour had come when they must part; And she was young and fond and true; What could the gentle maiden do?

The spell is broken—she has laid Her trembling lips against his cheek; On hers there is a deeper shade— Of crimson, but she does not speak; Her voice is hushed—her voice is still— This given, half without her will.

Miscellaneous.

MONEY BELOW PAR.

The Jack-Knife versus \$20,000.

A ship was driven out of her course, and cast away within sight of an unknown coast. All on board might have escaped in the boats though rather crowded, but one of the passengers, on their refusing to admit his trunk in any boat, remained in the ship to unfasten it and get out his pocket-book, which contained notes to the amount of \$20,000. This, he thought would not detain him a moment, and he requested them to wait, but in the hurry and confusion of the moment, he could not immediately recollect what he had done with the key of his trunk. Having found it at last and secured the money, he perceived, to his dismay, that every boat was out of sight, while the ship was fallen apart, and suddenly he found himself in the sea. Catching at some article that was floating by, he clung to it almost unconsciously, not relaxing his hold even when his senses were failing. Fortunately he was floating to land, and when he revived, he found himself lying on the beach. As soon as his strength returned, he ascended an eminence, but could see no sign of the wreck or boats, or any human creature. But as he was leaning despondingly against a tree he was suddenly startled by being slapped on the shoulder, while a voice in his ear exclaimed, "what, cheer my hearty?" Turning around he gladly recognized one of the crew, and inquired what had become of the rest?

"Why, I don't know, but I suppose they are safe by this time, but I have seen nothing of them."

"Were you with them in the boats?"

"No, I stayed on board to the last."

"And so did I, though I was not aware of your being on board. I hope you succeeded as well as I did in saving your property."

"I had nothing to save but a jack-knife and a plug of tobacco—both safe enough in my trousers pockets."

"Then why did you not think of saving yourself at once?"

"No, I could not think of leaving the ship as long as the planks held together. She could not say that I was not true to the last. But, comrade, let us see what kind of quarters we have got into."

They travelled some distance without any sight of habitation. Necessity quickened their ingenuity, they were successful occasionally catching fish, oysters, or birds, in all which the sailor's jack knife proved of invaluable service in preparing the proper squares and weapons, in opening the oysters, cutting up, or cleaning the fish or birds, above all, in striking a light to make a fire for the purpose of cooking. Once, also, when they were attacked by a wild beast, the sailor by a prompt use of his jack knife saved their lives.

They had lived in this manner for some months, when arriving at the opposite side of the island, they found it inhabited by savages, who conducted them to their king. The gentleman, anxious to conciliate his copper-skinned majesty, produced a five hundred pound bank note, and politely offered it to his acceptance. The King examined it with some curiosity, applied it to his nose and tongue, and being satisfied that it was not good to eat, returned it with contempt. The gentleman soon found out that his twenty thousand pounds could not procure him the smallest consideration.

The sailor, on the contrary, in a few days became a personage of great importance, for the many services which he was enabled to render with his jack knife, among a people where iron was unknown. They literally supplied all their wants, and his rich friend was glad to profit by his bounty.

One day, as they were attending the king, on an eminence overlooking the sea, they descried a distant sail evidently passing the island. They kindled a bonfire and hoisted signals, but they did not succeed in attracting notice.

"If we only had a boat," exclaimed the sailor, "I think we could get within hail, and she does not stand far out, though it is plain she intends to pass without touching this way."

The gentleman produced his twenty thousand pounds, and offered it to the king in exchange for a canoe, but his majesty rejected the roll of paper, and turned to the sailor with a single word—"knife."

The bargain was instantly closed, the jack knife was received by the king with no less delight than was experienced by the Englishmen as they jumped into the

canoe. By dint of hard paddling, and a favorable current, they got within hail and were taken aboard of the ship, which proved to be an English vessel homeward bound.

As they came within sight of the white cliffs, the gentleman took the sailor one side, and handed him two notes, which amounted to a thousand pounds, and said: "You must not refuse to accept this, for you have done for me more than twenty times as much as I have done. I trust you may find these bills, one day or other, as useful as your jack knife has been. I have learned by this time that a man's wealth is to be measured not by the extent of his possessions, but by the use he can make of what he possesses."

Signing the Pledge.

Rev. John Abbott the sailor preacher, relates the following good story of one of his converts to temperance:

Mr. Johnson, at the close of a cold water lecture intimated that he must sign the pledge in his own way, which he did in these words:

"I, William Johnson pledge myself to shrink no more intoxicating drinks for one year."

Some thought he wouldn't stick three days, others allowed him a week, and a few gave him two weeks, but the landlord knew him best, and he said he was good stuff but at the end of the year Bill would be a soaker.

Before the year was quite gone, Mr. Johnson was asked by Mr. Abbott: "Bill ain't you going to renew the pledge?"

"Well I don't know replied Jack, but what I will have done pretty well so far; will you let me sign my own way?"

"O yes, any way so that you will not drink rum!"

He writes:

I, William Johnson, sign the pledge for nine hundred and ninety-nine years, and if living at the end of that time, I intend to take out a lease for life.

A day or two after, Johnson went to see his old landlord, who eyed him as a hawk does a chicken.

"Oh, landlord!" whined Bill, accompanied by sundry contortions of the body, as if enduring the most excruciating torment "I have such a lump on my side!"

"That's because you've quit drinking you want live two years longer at this rate!"

If I commence drinking do you think the lump will go away?"

"Yes. If you don't, you'll have just such a lump on the other side!"

"Do you think so?"

"I know it; you will have them on your arms, back, breast and head; you will be covered with just such lumps!"

"Well, may be I will said Bill.

"Come, Bill!" said the landlord, let's drink together at the same time pouring the red stuff from the decanter into his glass gog, gog, gog.

"No said Johnson, "I can't for I've signed the pledged again."

"You ain't thought?"

"Yes."

"You're a fool."

"O, that old sailor coaxed so hard that I couldn't get off."

"I wish the devil had the old rascal!"

"Well how long do you go this time?"

"For nine hundred and ninety-nine years said Bill.

"You won't live a year."

"Well, if I drink, are you sure that the lumps on my side will go away and never come back again?"

"Yes."

"Well, I guess I won't drink; here's the lump," continued Bill holding up something with a hundred dollars in it; "and you say I'll have more such lumps—and that's just what I want."

A Ventriloquist on the Dock.

Quite an excitement occurred at one of the Southern steamboat wharves, a short time since.

The hands on one of our steamers were engaged in rolling off a cask, when to the consternation and surprise of the persons engaged in performing that operation, a voice was heard within the cask.

"Roll it easy, these darned nails hurt; I'd rather pay my passage than stand all this."

Holding up their hands, their visuals expanded to the size of two saucers, the laborers exclaimed—

"That beats the d—"

The mate coming up at that moment, and unaware of the cause of delay, commenced cursing them for their dilatoriness, when from within the voice again came forth—

"You're nobody; let me out of this cask."

"What's that?" said the mate.

"Why, it's me," said the voice; "I want to get out—I won't stand this any longer!"

"Up-end the cask," said the mate.

"Oh don't, you'll kill me!" said the voice.

"These darned nails prick me. Look out! d-o-n't-I!" again said the casked up individual, as the men were turning it over.

"Cooper," said the mate, "unhead this cask and take out that man."

As the adze sundered the hoops, and the head was coming out, the voice again broke out—

"Be easy, now! is there any one about? I don't want to be caught."

Quite a crowd had now gathered round the "scene of action," when, to the utter astonishment of the bystanders, a loud guttural laugh broke forth, which made our hair stand on end, and the cask was found filled with bacon.

"What does it mean?" says one.

"I swear it beats my time," said the mate.

We enjoyed the joke too well to "blow," as we walked on arm-in-arm with the "Fakir of Ava," the ventriloquist and magician.

PAT'S DREAM.—We have laughed heartily over the recital of a real Hibernian dream. Two sons of the green and glorious Isle met a day or two since, and thus colloquised:

"Good morning, Pat."

"Good morning, Dennis."

Dennis—How is it with ye, Pat? ye seems in a quandary.

Pat—Bedad, but it's right you are with-out knowing it, for I'm in that same. It's a provoking drame I've had."

Dennis—A drame? Patrick! was it a good or a bad war?

Pat—Bad luck, but it was a little of both. I dreamed I was wid the Pope, who was as great a gentleman as any by'e in the district; an' he axed me would I drink? Thinks I, wad a duck swim? and seein' the Innishoven and the lemons, and the sugar on the sideboard, I tould him I did n't care if I took a wee drisap of punch. Could or hot? axed the Pope. Hot, yer Holiness, I replied; and be that he stepped down to the kitchen for the hot water, but before he got back I woke straight up, and it's now distressing me that I did n't take me punch could!"

ANECDOTE OF ANDREW JACKSON.—There is a fine sketch of the life of Andrew Jackson in the January number of Harper's Magazine. Among other anecdotes is the following, which we do not remember to have met with before. While he was connected with the army, an officer complained to him that the soldiers were making a great noise in the tent.

"What are they doing?" asked the General.

"They are praying now, but they have been singing," was the reply.

"And is that a crime?" asked Jackson, with emphasis.

"The articles of war," the officer said, "order punishment for any unusual noise."

"God forbid!" replied Jackson, with much feeling, "that praying should be an unusual noise in any camp," and advised the officer to join them.

A missionary had once rebuked a South Sea Islander for the sin of polygamy. After a day or two the cannibal returned, his face radiant with joy.

"Me all right now; one wife. Me very good Christian."

"What did you do with the other?" asked the missionary.

"Me eat her up."

An abundant harvest is expected in Spain.

News from all Quarters.

The produce of silk in France this year will be very satisfactory.

There were 240 cases of cholera at St. Petersburg, on the 29th ult.

S. Wells Williams has been appointed Secretary of Legation to China.

Seven lighthouses are being constructed on Lake Superior.

The population of Dayton, Ohio, is twenty-one thousand.

Bagdad, Christiansburg and Consolation are the names of three towns in Kentucky.

There is a "Brandeth Hotel" in New York. Wonder if the boarders are fed on pills?

The Ship Star Republic was burned at sea, July 1st. A total loss; crew saved.

Laborers are scarce here in Kansas, and command extremely good wages.

A colored volunteer company made their first parade, in Cincinnati, last week.

The Newport News says that large numbers of visitors are daily arriving at that city.

Max Maretzek is writing his biography, or the experiences of a New York Opera manager.

The Sultan of Turkey is expected to visit Paris in August, to meet Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

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KANSAS LEGISLATURE.

[Condensed from the Daily Sentinel.] SATURDAY, July 21, 1855.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported the bills entitled "An act to incorporate the Kansas Valley Railroad Company," with amendments, recommended its passage. It was thereupon considered as engrossed, read third time as amended, and passed.

Also, the bills entitled "An act to incorporate the Wauthena plank and McAdams road company" with a recommendation that it do pass; and it was thereupon considered as engrossed and read the third time and passed.

Mr. Coffey, from the committee of ways and means, to which had been referred the bill entitled, "An act to encourage the destruction of wolves, reported by way of amendment a substitute for the whole bill. And the rules having been suspended, the substitute was read a first and second time, considered as engrossed, read the third time and passed.

Also the bill entitled, "An act to prevent firing of marshes, woods and prairies," with an amendment striking out one of the sections.

The report was adopted and the bill as amended was considered as engrossed, read a third time and passed.

Mr. McDonald presented a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of three on the part of the Council, and five on the part of the House, to memorialize the President of the United States, respectfully demanding the removal of A. H. Reeder, from the office of Governor.

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Council.—The Council met. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Peery.

Mr. Donaldson presented a petition for road from Westpoint, on the Osage River, to Marysville, in K. T., which, on motion of Mr. Eastin, was referred to the committee on roads and highways.

Mr. Grover introduced bills of the following titles, which were read the first and second time, the rules being suspended, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

An act concerning bonds and notes.

An act concerning contracts, and prom-

ising the office of County Surveyor, which was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

House.—The House met at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Mr. Mathias, chairman of committee on judiciary, reported in favor of a bill with amendments, entitled:

An act to provide for the punishment of offenders against the public health.

An act for securing loans to mechanics and others.

There was a message received from the Council by Mr. Haldeman, chief clerk of Council, reporting a concurrent resolution appointing a joint committee to draft a memorial to the President to remove Governor A. H. Reeder.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the concurrent resolution to appoint a committee to draw up a memorial to Congress, requesting the President to remove from office Gov. A. H. Reeder, was taken up and read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Mathias, the veto message, together with the resolution was referred to the committee of "the whole house," on his further motion the House resolved itself into committee of the whole with Mr. Waterson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Mathias, the resolution and veto message was taken up—and on motion of Mr. Stringfellow, the reading was dispensed with—when Messrs. Stringfellow, Mathias, Anderson and Brown, participated in the discussion of the veto message with much warmth and alacrity.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the passage of the resolution was recommended to the House.

On motion a resolution was adopted to appoint a committee consisting of Messrs. Stringfellow, Anderson, Browne, Mathias and Williams, to be recommended to the House as the committee to draft the memorial to the President